

CHURCH AND JURISDICTIONAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES



BISHOP GERMAN REED ROSS, B.A., M.Div.

1921 -1991

Pastor

Good Samaritan Cathedral, Oakland

Good Samaritan Cathedral No. 2, Sacramento, CA

East Side Church of God in Christ, Stockton, CA

Jurisdictional Bishop

California North Central Jurisdiction

General Secretary

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1991, 7:00 P.M.

GOOD SAMARITAN CATHEDRAL

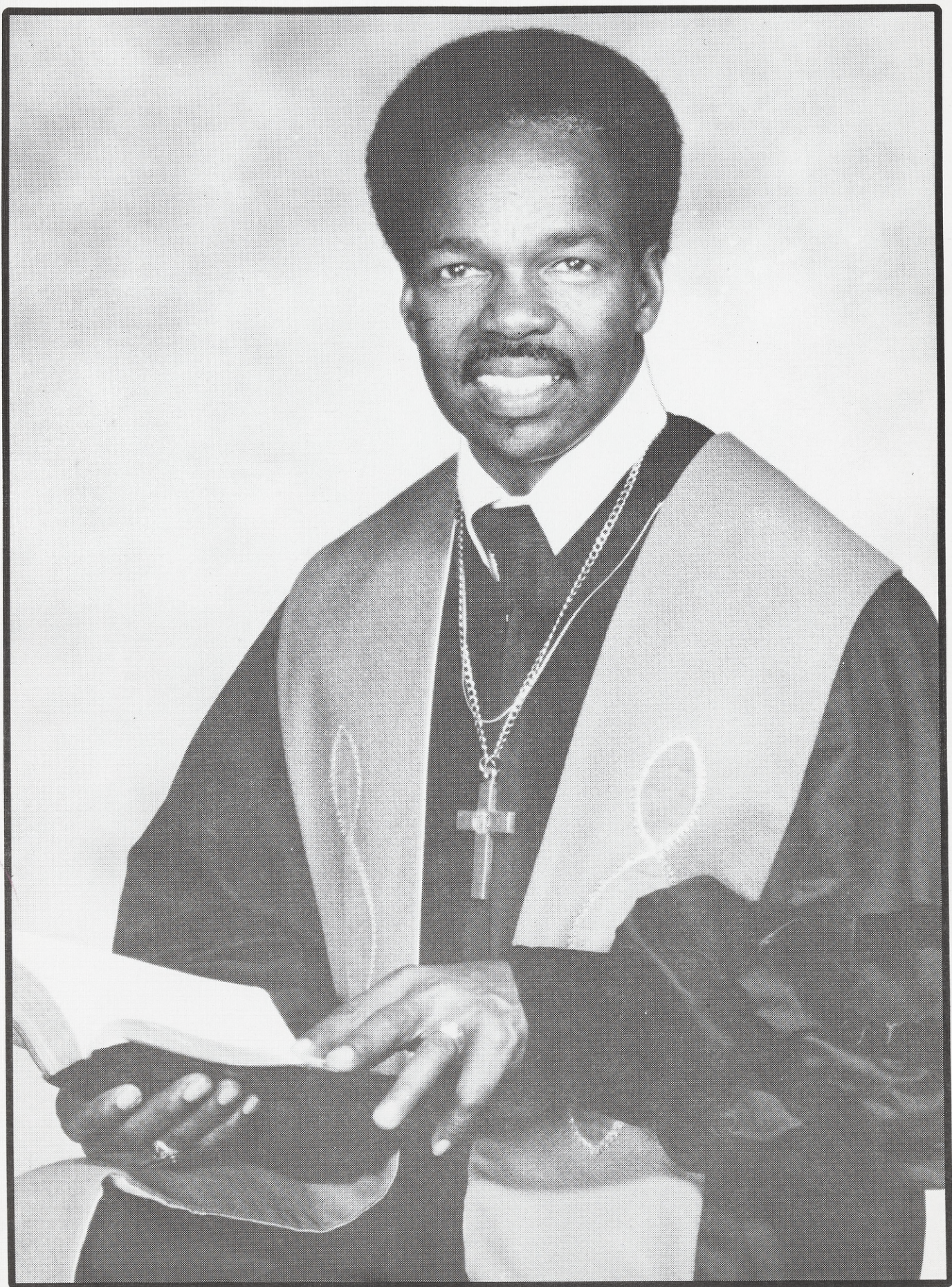
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

625 W. MacArthur Blvd.

Oakland, California

Officiating

BISHOP L. H. FORD, PRESIDING BISHOP



GENERAL SECRETARY—CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

BISHOP GERMAN R. ROSS was born in Mart, Texas, to Ira and Mary Lewis Ross. He took up residence in Dallas, Texas, in his early teens and joined the St. Louis Church Of God In Christ pastored by Bishop B. J. Crouch. He was a member of the Sunday School class, was faithful, loyal, obedient, very warm and studious.

After graduating from the B. T. Washington High School, he and Miss Grace Yvonne Searcy were joined in Holy Matrimony, and moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he entered the Philander Smith College.

In 1942, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Base for six weeks and remained there for three years, serving as Secretary to the Chaplain.

In 1945, he was transferred to Shoemaker, California, where he received an honorable discharge. He and his family took up residence in California and joined with the saints at Mingleton Temple Church Of God in Christ. He served there as Pianist and Minister Of Music, Deacon, Trustee and Sunday School Superintendent.

Elder Ross attended Golden Gate University where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1948, with special training as a CPA, and furthered his education at University of California and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity Degree.

In 1954, after conducting a revival at True Faith Tabernacle COGIC, he was ordained as an Elder, and, in the same ceremony, was made pastor of True Faith to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of former pastor, Elder Brown. He was already known as a young man who was filled with love for God and His people, desiring to do all the good he could with all of his might. Due to his diligence, he had

been appointed Minister Of Music of the Northern California Jurisdiction under the late Bishop E. B. Stewart.

In April of 1956, True Faith Tabernacle moved to a new location in Oakland, where land had been purchased and a new church built under Elder Ross' supervision. The new edifice was named the Mt. Sinai Church of God in Christ.

He was appointed Bishop of the California North Central Jurisdiction in 1973, was elected as General Secretary of the Church Of God in Christ, Inc. in 1976, and became pastor of Good Samaritan Cathedral COGIC.

As a son of the Church, his travels were extensive. While he served the Church, he served the world. He stood shoulder to shoulder with royalty, had an audience with Pope John Paul, II, in Rome, Italy, and yet never lost the common touch. Clergy and laymen alike were his constant companions on fishing trips, his favorite pastime.

Bishop Ross has three children: Merria A., Winston, and Ira Gerald.

Favorite Scripture: Psalms 27

Favorite Song: "Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad"

Author of two Books:

- Here Am I
- History and Formative Years of the Church of God in Christ

He is listed in Who's Who In America in 1983 through 1988, and his comments were: "The guiding principles that have contributed to my success are a strong religious conviction, unalterable faith in God and an indefatigable dedication to duty. It is my belief that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. A deep love for humanity has been nourished in my heart. It has been a joy to expand time and effort to achieve goals that are challenging but redound to the benefit of mankind."

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 1988 was re-elected for a fourth term as General Secretary of the Church of God in Christ, Inc.:
- Jurisdictional Bishop of California North Central
- Coordinator C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges, California
- Secretary National Convocation Program Committee
- Member C. H. Mason Foundation
- National Board of Bishops
- Secretary United National Auxiliaries Convention
- Member of Board of Directors Congress of National Black Churches
- Co-chairman National Assault on Illiteracy Program
- Member of Golden Gate University Alumni Assoc. San Francisco. CA
- Member of University of California Alumni Assoc. Berkeley. CA
- Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Alumni Assoc.
- Recipient of Distinguished Christian Service Award, 1975, from the Religious Workers Guild. COGIC
- Honorary citizen of Dallas, TX - Ft. Worth, TX - New Orleans, LA,

On Wednesday, November 13, 1991, the Lord chose to call from labor to reward His humble servant, BISHOP GERMAN REED ROSS. His wife preceded him in death. Surviving to share the loss are his three children: Mrs. Merria A. Kranen, Winston Reed and Ira Gerald; three sisters: Mrs. Vera Carter, Mrs. Selynia Linville, Mrs. Pearl Mae King. Riesel Ross; eight grandchildren: Ron, Grace, LaTasha, Kimberly, Ira, Jr., Kelelia and Kayla Ross and Kris Kranen; two former sisters-in-laws, Mother Emma Crouch and Mrs. Lillie White. A host of neices, nephews and cousins; families of three churches; Good Samaritan Cathedral at Oakland, Good Samaritan Cathedral No. 2 at Sacramento, and East Side C.O.G.I.C. at Stockton, CA.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE
GOOD SAMARITAN CATHEDRAL
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

ORGAN PRELUDE

MASTER OF CEREMONIESSupt. Donald R. Murray

PROCESSIONAL

Administrative Assistant, Executive Board
State Officials, Superintendents, Pastors and Elders Family
State Supervisor, District Missionaries

SELECTIONCathedral Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

.....Old Testament Scripture

Elder T. Clemon

.....New Testament Scripture

Elder Mike Gibson

INVOCATIONSupt. Garland Bluford

SELECTIONCathedral Choir

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES(Two minutes please)

Representing Junior Church
Representing Mothers' Board

Brother Darnell Garrett

Mother Annie Lewis,
Church Mother
Mother Ruby Lee,
Mothers' Board President
Mother Minnie Thompson
Alternate
Deacon Lewis White

Representing Deacons and Trustees

SOLOElder Rickie Hannah

Representing Ministers' Board
Representing Auxiliaries

Elder J. C. Cox
Minister Danny Gardner

MEMORIAL TRIBUTEOldest Member Mother Leslie Presley

SPECIAL REMARKSMrs. Merria A. Kranen, Daughter
LaTasha Ross, Granddaughter

JURISDICTIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

SELECTIONJurisdictional Choir

REPRESENTING WOMEN'S DEPARTMENTMrs. Lorene Davis
First Assistant State Supervisor

REPRESENTING DISTRICT MISSIONARIESDistrict Missionary T. Hudspeth

AS A FRIENDDistrict Missionary L. Hicken
Elder John Hill
Deacon Phillips

SOLOMissionary L. Holoman
Field Representative
State Music Department

REPRESENTING PASTORS & ELDERS Supt. L. Germany
REPRESENTING EXECUTIVE BOARDSupt. L. L. Ransom
Elder E. E. Savage, Alternate

REPRESENTING SUPERINTENDENTSSupt. P. A. Williams
WORDS OF EXHORTATIONSupt. M. J. Clifton
Administrative Assistant

SELECTIONJurisdictional Choir
REPRESENTING AUXILIARIESElder Dale Murray
SPECIAL REMARKS
AND PRESENTING JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISORSMother Martha Faye Willis
State Supervisor
California North Central

PRESENTATION OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOPSDr. L. Anderson

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
CARDS AND TELEGRAMSMrs. Farene Lee

RESOLUTIONS

Representing Women's Department District Missionary M. C. Dyer
Representing California North Central Supt. Wm. Perry
Representing Local Church Missionary Opal King

SELECTION State Choir

OBITUARYMs. S. E. Crawford

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

MEMORIAL MESSAGEBishop L. B. Johnson
Jurisdictional Bishop
California NE Jurisdiction

RECESSIONAL

PALLBEARERS

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Elder A. L. Willis
Brother Ron Ross
Elder R. Williams
Elder R. Hannah
Elder D. Royal
Dr. George M. Murray

Favorite Scripture: Psalms 27

Favorite Song: Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad (one among many)

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS



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God is Faithful...
He gave us a leader.

